

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 18, 1899, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. Saturday, November 18, 1899. My darling:

I have just finished a very busy day. The last of the Board of the National Geographic Society — have just gone away (2 A.M. Sunday) accompanied by Mr. S. S. McClure and Dr. Wines. A very nice meeting. I am very much troubled about Gilbert Grosvenor. He has been working himself to death — and he must have a rest. Everything has been piling itself on the top of him and he has been bearing up bravely although evidently ill. We must give him more clerical assistance. He and his brother Asa are coming here tomorrow. Mr. S. S. McClure called here this morning and stayed all day — and evening — stayed through the Geographic Board meeting and on till 2 A.M. He gave the Board excellent advice as to how to run a magazine — altogether I think this evening has been one of the most interesting meetings I have ever had. We had a splendid set of men here. My heart went out to all of them — and I think they all like me. We have decided to invite the International Congress of Geographers to meet in Washington in 1903 or 1905 — their next meeting.

Mr. Tyler dined with me today. Mr. McCurdy and Mr. McClure were also there — Florence managed very well.

Tell Daidums that I have never met a young man who impressed me more than Mr. Tyler. I think he is very much of a man. He was interested in Mr. McClure's talk 2 and in the National Geographic Board Meeting — for he stayed all through the discussion of the plans for entertaining the International Congress. I understood he had some engagement at his Club for 8 P. M. — but I noticed he stayed until after 10 o'clock. I begin to feel as

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though I wanted you all to come down here again now. I am tired — but won't go to bed without scribbling at least a few lines to my dear little wifie.

Your own, Alec. P. S. It is probable that Mr. S. S. McClure will come here tomorrow afternoon — and camp here with Mr. McCurdy and self during his stay in Washington. AGB.